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Teen-Produced Documentary Films and Community Videos to be Screened at Central Library on June 26

Program as Part of "BARRIO LOGAN: Youth Voices – Community Stories" Project

SAN DIEGO – As part of the "BARRIO LOGAN: Youth Voices – Community Stories" project, seven short documentary films produced by local youth, as well as San Diego community videos, will be screened in the third floor auditorium of the Central Library on Monday, June 26, at 6:30 p.m. The Central Library is located at 820 E St. in downtown San Diego. Young producers from the Media Arts Center San Diego's Teen Producers Project will be present for a Q&A after the screening, which will be free and open to the public.

Young people living in the San Diego neighborhoods of Barrio Logan and Oak Park have produced seven videos with local media arts instructors from the Media Arts Center San Diego and have brought into focus issues recognized as necessary for communities' survival: history, public health, education, leadership, employment, housing, and arts & culture.

In one film, Chunky Sanchez, a local musician, comments, "The neighborhood impacts you as a performer: writing about everyday life, everyday struggles, the problems that confront us every day. It makes you realize people are listening to you and that your music does have an impact on people's lives."

In another film, community activist Cristina Alvarado states, "My daughters are the reason I want to help my community, to make it better. I want them to fight for what they want. They learn from me that they need to value themselves, and get the respect they deserve. In the future, my daughters will benefit from this."

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BARRIO LOGAN: Youth Voices – Community Stories is a digital storytelling project designed to help sustain, support, celebrate and maintain community identity and pride in an area that is widely regarded as a center for Latino civic engagement. The project also includes a variety of other programs, including a Digital Storytelling Station at the Central Library that allows San Diegans record personal history stories. The station will be available through June 28.

Co-sponsoring the project with the Library and Media Arts are MAAC Project, Barrio Logan College Institute, Memorial Academy Charter School and National Latino Research Center. Funding for the project comes from a California State Library grant through the Library Services and Technology Act.

For more information, contact the Central Library at 619-236-5800, or visit the Library on the City's Web site at <http://www.sandiego.gov/public-library>.

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